

Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force

Work Group Monthly Report

Work Group Name: #5, Hospitals/ER

Work Group Leader: Joshua Lynch, DO, FACEP

Work Group Chair: Same

Work Group Meeting Schedule: Monthly (first Monday at 10am)

Summary of meetings/Activities: Key objectives below:

- Increase direct access to naloxone in ED
 - ECMC, MFSH, DeGraff, BGMC, South Buffalo Mercy providing naloxone out of the ED
 - Remainder of Catholic health almost ready
 - VA dispensing in inpatient only
 - Bertrand Chaffee beginning distribution at the end of April
 - Lakeshore, Brooks, next
- Updating common list of treatment agencies – uploading into EMRs to print out at D/C
- Work to coordinate linkage to treatment from ED
 - Identifying what resources are already in place (health homes, etc)
 - Hoping that Erie Co Legislature funds crisis services for one call access out of the hospitals
 - Continuing to go live with pilot project at ECMC/MFSH for patient call backs to facilitate treatment linkage (stuck with risk management)
- Next steps
 - VNA, home health dispense naloxone kits to high risk patients
 - VNA probably able to dispense kits
 - EMS linkage to treatment for patients who refuse transport
 - Will discuss in May, 2016

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Support needed?

- May need support to allow for nurses to dispense kits (especially outside of the hospital). May be missing a large group of people who could benefit (that are VNA patients, etc).